

I'd like to request that the FCC reject the National Association of Broadcasters' (NAB) petition 04-160. I'm a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio. I perceive that the NAB's petition will threaten the localized weather and traffic stations XM offers. This is a valuable service I pay for and I've save untold hours by avoiding major traffic pile-ups. When I'm on the road, I can listen to traffic reports hundreds of miles away from my destination. I can make educated decisions on how to approach cities that XM offers the traffic reports on. This is something I would not be able to do by relying on AM/FM radio. The range of AM/FM is not large enough to provide this type of service. The recent addition of the traffic and weather channels on XM is the icing on the cake of a superb service. There is no other service or radio channel that can match the variety of music and news available through XM. If the traffic and weather service is no longer available through XM, I will have to revert to my old ways ? calling the local traffic conditions phone number. Although I have to pay for the call, it is more efficient than weeding though the constant barrage of commercials, chatter, and worthless information on AM/FM radio in order to find a traffic report.